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LB 479, advancement of LB 479 to E & R Initial. There are no lights on. Senator Baker, you're recognized to close on advancement of LB 479 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I want to thank people in the body here, too, for the discussion because this has laid the foundation for some additional discussion on another ethanol bill that I am assuming will get before us someday. And it's dealing with the funding part of it. Senator Landis described the committee amendment which actually is the bill now, and as he pointed out, and I want to also reiterate, Senator Kremer's staff and Senator Kremer have done the lion's share of the work on this particular committee amendment. But we also have worked during the summer, the interim, this fall, with a lot of good people, dealing with the funding of the EPIC Fund and future plants of ethanol. So, once again, I want to say thank you to the body for participating in this very good discussion. I think we will be able to advance or more fully discuss the bill, LB 1065, which does, in fact, make the EPIC Fund whole. So with that, I would ask for ado...or passage or moving the bill to Select File, and I appreciate everyone's time and patience. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the closing on advancement of LB 479 to E & R Initial. The question before the body is, should the bill be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 479 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:        37 ayes,    0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 479.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The bill does advance. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk, and bills.

CLERK:        Mr. President, thank you.        New bills.        (Read LBs 1227-1250 by title for the first time. Legislative Journal pages 345-349.)        That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.